

Spring Meeting 2017



William & Mary Law School
Friday, May 19, 2017
Williamsburg, VA

The Spring 2017 meeting of the Virginia Association of Law Libraries will take place on Friday, May 19, at William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, VA.

PROGRAM AGENDA

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| 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 9:15 - 9:30 a.m. | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Legal Data Science from the Trenches |
| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 – 12:15 p.m. | Insider Tips on FOIA in Virginia |
| 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch |

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1:20 – 1:30 p.m. Thomson Reuters

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| 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Transformative Legal Tech Expanding Access to Justice |
| 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. | Business Meeting |

About the Programs

Program One: Legal Data Science from the Trenches

The practices and products of data science are increasingly common components of modern legal practice. This growth presents law librarianship with a unique set of challenges, and opportunities, for serving the data and social scientific needs of a diverse constituency that includes lawyers, clients, academics, students, other legal practitioners, and public patrons. Jon Ashley and Alex Jakubow, empirical research librarians at the University of Virginia School of Law, explore the promises and pitfalls of providing data science support using real-life examples.

Program Two: Insider Tips on FOIA in Virginia

The Freedom of Information Act is an important tool available to legal information professionals for furthering government transparency. Understanding how FOIA requests work and awareness of ongoing challenges and issues facilitate legal professionals' ability to access, preserve, and distribute government information. Alan Gernhardt, Senior Attorney with the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council, will give an overview of how FOIA requests work followed by a Q & A session, covering issues such as the use and treatment of social media (email, Facebook, Twitter, etc.), specific exemptions or types of records, legislative updates, and remedies for FOIA violations. Natalie Womack, Freedom of Information Officer for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, will walk through both the citizen's and DEQ's journey in fulfilling a FOIA request, from how to submit a FOIA request, to options available for requesters to obtain the information, and steps the agency takes in fulfilling each request.

Program Three: Transformative Legal Tech Expanding Access to Justice

Transformative legal technology can have a positive impact in increasing citizen access to justice. Legal expert systems, context-sensitive document production, and asynchronous legal advice delivery are examples where technology is expanding availability of legal solutions to people unable to hire a lawyer. Roger Skalbeck, Associate Dean at the University of Richmond Law Library, presents several projects where technology is enabling greater access to justice. Here law librarians have great leadership opportunities, while law professionals can gain competitive skills, all while making a real difference in society.



**VALL 2017 SPRING MEETING
REGISTRATION FORM**

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William & Mary Law School
Williamsburg, VA

NAME: _____

INSTITUTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-mail: _____

PLEASE INDICATE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

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Registration fee is \$25 for VALL members, \$30 for non-members. Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Please make checks payable to “Virginia Association of Law Libraries” and mail them to the following address:

Alison Mallonee
Williams Mullen
200 South 10th Street, Suite 1600
Richmond, VA 23219

OR VALL members can pay using a credit card via [PayPal](#)*

Please e-mail the completed registration form to Alison Mallonee at amallonee@williamsmullen.com.

Registration/cancellation deadline: Friday May 12, 2017.
Payment is expected from all registered attendees by the meeting date.

* If you are a non-member and would like to pay via Paypal, or if you would like to pay for multiple registrations via Paypal, please e-mail a request for an invoice to amallonee@williamsmullen.com.

Directions to William & Mary Law School

613 South Henry Street in Williamsburg, VA 23185

The Law School is a couple minutes' walk from the College of William & Mary's historic Wren Building and the recreated town of Colonial Williamsburg.

From Norfolk and points east:

Take I-64 West. Take Exit 242A (Route 199 West) toward Jamestown and Williamsburg.

Turn right onto South Henry Street (Route 132 North) at the second light.

The Law School is located on the right, 1.5 miles from the intersection. (Keep an eye out for the Marshall and Wythe statues outside our front door.)

From Richmond and points west:

Take I-64 East. Take Exit 238 (Route 143 East) toward Colonial Williamsburg and proceed about four-tenths of a mile.

Bear right on Route 132 South - the Law School is located 2.5 miles from this turn.

Proceed through the first light and move to the right lane - bear right continuing on Route 132 South. The Law School is the second building on the left after passing Newport Avenue. (Keep an eye out for the Marshall and Wythe statues outside our front door.)

From William & Mary's undergraduate campus:

Take either Richmond Road or Jamestown Road towards Colonial Williamsburg.

If you are on Jamestown Road, bear right onto South Boundary Street.

If you are on Richmond Road, follow the road as it passes in front of the Wren Building. Go through the intersection - observing the "Yield" sign - and cross onto South Boundary Street.

Take the first left onto Francis Street and proceed 1 block to South Henry Street.

Turn right onto South Henry Street. The Law School is about two blocks on the left. (Keep an eye out for the Marshall & Wythe statues outside our front door.)

Parking

You may park in any faculty, staff or student space with a visitor parking permit. Permits will be provided to meeting attendees at the VALL Meeting Registration Desk, located in The Wolf Law Library (to your right after entering the Law School). Please note, you'll need to park, enter the building to obtain your permit and then return to your vehicle to place the permit on your mirror or dashboard.